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11. (C) PolCouns delivered on October 8 points from reftels regarding a possible North Korean nuclear test to MFA Director for Asian and African Affairs Ambassador Mohammed Saud Al-Badr and Director for International Organizations Affairs Ambassador Mansour Al-Awadi. Both assured PolCouns that the Government of Kuwait shares USG concerns regarding a possible test, and asked that we continue to consult closely on any possible UNSC action. Al-Badr noted that GCC states in particular should be concerned about the disturbing precedent that would be set should North Korea proceed with a test.

12. (C) Following media reports of a test the morning of October 9, CDA spoke with MFA U/S Khalid Jarallah who promised that the GOK would issue swiftly a strong condemnation of North Korea's action.
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